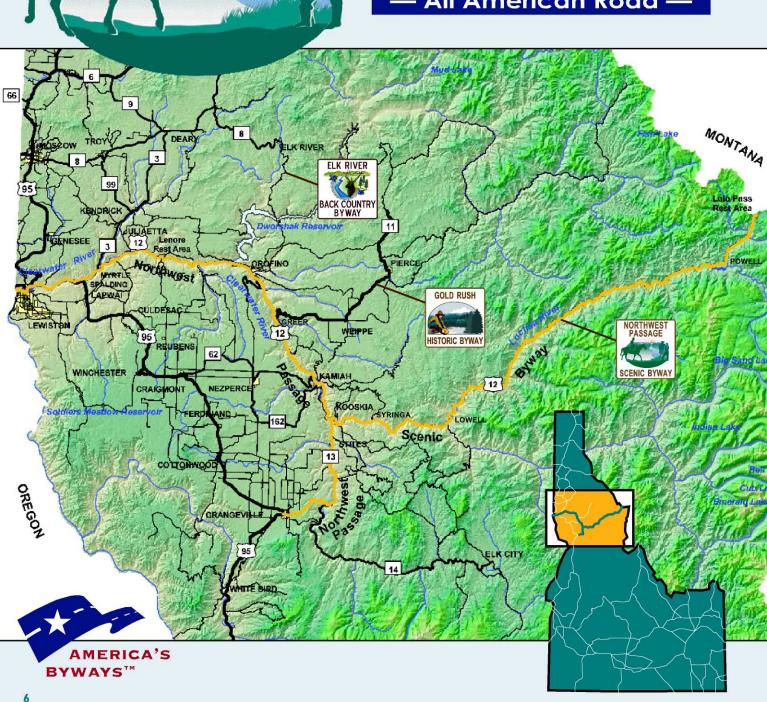
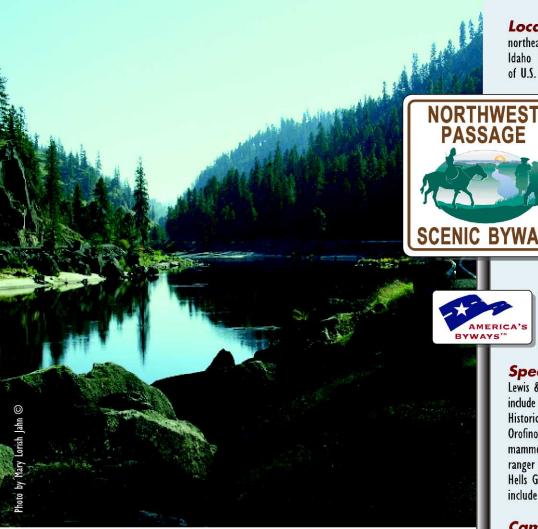


Northwest Passage Scenic Byway

— All American Road —





Location - Begins in Lewiston and follows U.S. 12 northeast to the Idaho—Montana border; also follows Idaho 13 from Kooskia to Grangeville and the junction of U.S. 95.

Length - 202 miles. Lewiston to Montana, 175 miles, allow 4 hours. Kooskia to Grangeville, 27 miles, allow 40 minutes.

Roadway - Idaho 13 and U.S. 12 are winding, two-lane, paved roads with occasional passing lanes and slow vehicle turnouts. Winter driving conditions may include black ice in the canyons and snow-covered roads at higher elevations.

When to see it - Boating, fishing, heritage sites, and wildlife viewing year-round. Whitewater opportunities in spring and summer.

Special attractions - U.S. 12 parallels the Lewis & Clark and Nez Perce national historic trails. Sites include Tsceminicum sculpture, Lewiston; Nez Perce National Historical Park Visitor Center, Spalding; Canoe Camp, Orofino; Heart of the Monster, Kamiah; Kooskia Crossing; mammoth exhibit, Grangeville; Fenn & Lochsa historic ranger stations; DeVoto Grove; Lolo Pass Visitor Center; Hells Gate and Dworshak State Parks. Other attractions include summer community festivals and powwows.

Camping - Campgrounds at Lewiston, Myrtle, Orofino, Kamiah, Kooskia, Grangeville, and Lowell. Forest Service and BLM campsites along the Clearwater and Lochsa rivers.

Services - Full services in Lewiston, Orofino, Kamiah, Kooskia, Grangeville; partial services at Stites, Syringa, Lowell, and Powell. Rest areas at Lenore and Lolo Pass.

Contacts - North Central Idaho Travel Association 877-364-3246 or www.northcentralidaho.info; Nez Perce National Historical Park 208-843-7001 or www.nps.gov/nepe; Chambers of Commerce: Lewiston 208-743-3531; Orofino 208-476-4335, orofino.com; Kamiah 208-935-2290, kamiahchamber.com; Kooskia 208-926-4362, kooskia.com; Grangeville 208-983-0460; Clearwater National Forest 208-476-4541; Nez Perce National Forest 208-983-1950; Nez Perce Tribe 208-746-0723 or www.nezperce.org.

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In 1803, President Jefferson commissioned Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to find the Northwest Passage, the link between the Missouri River and the Columbia River through the unexplored Rocky Mountains. This 202-mile byway, stretching across north-central Idaho, follows the explorers' route through the ancestral homeland of the Nez Perce people.

From the west, this beautiful route begins on U.S. 12 at Lewiston, and traverses the winding Clearwater River Canyon, passing through the Nez Perce National Historical Park areas of Spalding and Kamiah and the towns of Orofino and Kooskia. At Kamiah is the Heart of the Monster, a geologic formation and legendary Nez Perce site.

At Kooskia the byway splits. One segment turns south on Idaho Highway 13 toward the Camas Prairie and the town of Grangeville. Another segment continues east on U.S. 12 along the Middle Fork of the Clearwater River, and the Lochsa Wild and Scenic River, through a magnificent wilderness culminating at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center.